

12/11/2020 – A Message from Mayor Annette Iafallo – Successful Completion of the National Grid Streetlight Conversion Project

I'm excited to share great news for the City of Lackawanna.

Through the National Grid Streetlight Conversion Program, over 2,300 streetlights throughout Lackawanna were successfully converted to energy efficient LEDs. This upgrade moves nearly 99% of the City's streetlight infrastructure to a more energy efficient system.

This project was accomplished with minimal cost to Lackawanna taxpayers due to the generous rebate incentive we earned for participation in the conversion program and the size and scope of our project – which was the largest LED streetlight conversion project completed by National Grid in Erie County to date.

During a ceremony held today at City Hall, National Grid awarded Lackawanna a rebate incentive of \$162,000, which covered over 90% of the total cost to implement the project. As a result, our net out-of-pocket cost for this major streetlight infrastructure upgrade was approximately \$9,000.

With the conversion to LED streetlights, Lackawanna is projected to save approximately \$25,000 annually in streetlight energy costs, resulting in a project payback of less than one year on the \$9,000 net project cost after incentive.

My sincere thanks to the National Grid project team, led by Regional Director Ken Kujawa and Account Manager Larry Martin, for their expertise, guidance and partnership throughout the project. We could not have asked for a better working relationship.

I also want to thank Lackawanna Public Works Commissioner Anthony DeSantis for his critical role in delivering this important project. Commissioner DeSantis recommended Lackawanna's participation in the National Grid conversion program when I was on the City Council and again when I was Council President in 2019. From that point, he worked diligently to ensure both our participation and a successful implementation ... which was recognized during today's ceremony. Congratulations Commissioner DeSantis for a job well done!

And thanks again to National Grid for helping Lackawanna move forward!

Annette



Front row (L-R): Ken Kujawa, National Grid Regional Director, Lackawanna Mayor Annette Iafallo, National Grid Crew, Lackawanna Public Works Commissioner Anthony DeSantis and Lackawanna Third Ward Council member Dean Moretti. Top row (L-R): Lackawanna City Council President Frederic Marrano and Lackawanna First Ward Council member John Ingram.